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APPLICANT'S COMMENTS ON REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

These comments are responsive to the Notice of Allowance mailed on March 8, 2005, which sets forth the Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance.

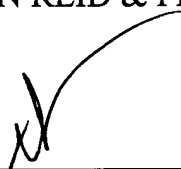
The Examiner is thanked for the kind allowance of all pending claims (i.e. renumbered claims 1-118). Applicants acknowledge the Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance as set forth in the Notice of Allowance. However, Applicants point out that the reasons for allowability of the above referenced claims are not limited to the

reasons for allowance as set forth in the Notice of Allowance, and that additional reasons for allowability may exist, each of which may be independently sufficient to establish the patentability of one or more pending claims.

Applicants respectfully reserve the right to introduce, articulate, or otherwise comment on any such additional reasons for allowance as may be appropriate in any future proceedings concerning the claimed invention.

Respectfully submitted,
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TRANSMITTAL FOR FORMAL DRAWINGS

Attached for filing please find nine (9) sheets of formal drawings.

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